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The following table is a supplement to the letters which have already appeared in this series, and little explanation is therefore needed. All the prices are recent, having been obtained during the past month, March, 1900. Great care has been used to present prices that are fairly to be compared; that is, to select corresponding grades and dates in each instance. In every case the protective tariff fosters a "trust."

PRICES IN UNITED STATES AND ENGLAND.

Article.	*Quantity.*	*U. S. Price.*	*English Price.*
Lead	100 lbs.	$4.70	$3.64
Litharge	lb.	.08⅜	.04¾
Wire, smooth	100 lbs.	3.05	2.50
Barb wire, galvanized	100 "	3.80	2.39
Wire nails	100 "	3.38	2.55
Iron ore	ton	6.125	5.25
Tin plate	100 lbs.	4.85	3.60
Sheet steel	100 "	2.70	2.07
Galvanized iron	100 "	3.78	3.23
Steel beams	100 "	2.30	1.80
Borax, refined	lb.	.075	.034
Lime	bbl.	.90	.62
Cream of tarter, crystals,	lb.	.22⅛	.159
Castor oil	lb.	.12¼	.066
Caustic soda	100 lbs.	2.42	1.84
Cement, Portland best	bbl.	2.55	1.11

A much longer list might be made, containing other articles on which the protective tariff enables "trusts" to tax the American people in the same way. The above were selected as fair examples

of great importance, because they enter largely into our industries and greatly increase the cost of production. Some of them are exported and sold abroad at the foreign price, while our people pay extra. "Of course they do," said one manufacturer. "What else is a protective tariff for?"

If the promises of party leaders who imposed the protective duties are to be honored, then protection upon the above articles and on many others like them must be removed.